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13, Argyle Street, Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [568]

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**

**IN BANKRUPTCY.**

No. 3 of 1897.

In the Matter of CONSTANTINO JOSE LOPEZ.

**THE PUBLIC EXAMINATION** of the above-named debtor is fixed for THURSDAY, the 4th day of March, 1897, at 11 A.M. Dated this 27th day of February, 1897.

BRUCE SHEPHERD, Official Receiver.

**NOTICE.**

I HAVE this day admitted Mr. U. S. LEAVY, PARTNER in my business as GENERAL BROKER. The name of the Firm will from this date be known as JOSEPH & LEAVY.

EZRA S. JOSEPH.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [574]

**NOTICE TO STEAMSHIP COMPANIES**

A New English-speaking French MEDICAL AGENT offers his Professional Services in return for Passage to Europe, from end of March, 1897.

Address: "M.D." Cars of MANAGER Eastern Telegraph Company, Hongkong. [570]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [566]

**THE HONGKONG HOPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th March, at 12 o'clock noon. For the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account for the Report of the General Manager for the year ended 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897. [572]

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**DEATH.**  
At 20, February, Shanghai, on the 22nd February, 1897, MARY BRETHOUR, the dearly beloved wife of JAMES REYNOLDS.

The Daily Press.  
HONGKONG, MARCH 2nd, 1897.

The scheme for placing the currency of Japan on a gold basis has now been formulated, and it will before very long be carried into effect we think there can be little doubt. The change is an undesirable one, but will be less disastrous in its effects on the development of Japan now than it would have been had it been made before the rapid appreciation of gold took place; and as the existing silver currency is to remain in circulation and continue unlimited legal tender there will be no sudden change in the general level of prices. The free coining of silver, however, is to be stopped, and the consequently diminished demand for the white metal and the increased demand for gold will contribute to maintain the divergence in the relative values of the two metals. Though nominally of unlimited legal tender the silver yen will become virtually a mere token coin, in the same way that the silver coins of the United States and France have become mere tokens. On this point a curious mistake has been made by the N. C. Daily News, which, after giving the scheme as set out in the Japanese papers, says: "This is called by the Japan 'Gold Monometallism,' but it is obviously not monometallism at all, but bimetallism with a fixed ratio." This is the desire of the heart of all bimetalists, but they do not want the ratio that Japan proposes to adopt, 1 to 32. The use of the word "obviously" in connection with such a glaring misstatement is rather amusing. What the bimetalists want is to have the ratio open to gold and silver alike at a fixed ratio; whether the ratio should be 1 to 32 or 1 to 16 is a detail, but the bimetallic principle is that no restriction should be placed on the use of either metal as money. Japan, by closing her mint to silver, shuts out that metal and denounces it except in so far as it may be used as a token currency. Again, our Shanghai contemporary says: "There is another trouble that is inseparable from the attempt to keep two metals circulating at a fixed ratio in a country, while the market value outside of each of them is continually fluctuating, and that is, that Grav's Law comes inevitably into operation. If silver falls below the ratio of 1 to 32, Japan will lose her gold if it rises above that ratio, she will lose her silver. It is proposed, indeed, to stop the export of gold by putting a premium on it as a don, when necessary, and to make their way to Chonjuo, all right, reaching there in a winding snowshoe after making a trip of 102 hours to cover a distance of 1,000 miles, and to be held up in the same high esteem as are the present

"monometallists." Gold monometallism is not a new idea. A fall in silver will not drain away gold from Japan except to the extent of the value of the silver yen as present in circulation outside Japan, and presumably it is for the purpose of redeeming those coins that a reserve of \$100,000,000 in gold is to be held available when the operation is undertaken. When those coins, or so many of them as may be available, have returned to Japan, a fall in silver will no more cause a drain of gold from that country than it causes a drain of gold from England. On the other hand, if silver were to rise Japan might experience some temporary inconvenience through the intrinsic value of her token coin being too high, but that could be easily and speedily remedied by striking new tokens of a lower intrinsic value, an operation to which her foreign creditors could not object and which would be a matter of domestic concern only. Presumably, however, the Japanese statesmen responsible for the scheme put forward are satisfied that there is no prospect of a rise in the gold value of silver beyond the ratio they have fixed, and the change proposed will in itself have a tendency to prevent any rise, if not indeed to bring about a fall. On the other hand, there seems some reason to believe that the appreciation of gold has reached its maximum, or nearly so, and that the future fluctuations in the relative values of that metal and silver are likely to be confined within comparatively narrow limits. If that should be so, not only is Japan not likely to experience any difficulty in the manipulation of her currency, but the change to a gold standard will have little effect upon her trade either for or against. Had she effected the change when the yen was worth three shillings she would have had to bear the same loss from the fifty per cent. appreciation of gold that other gold standard countries have had to bear, but it seems improbable that gold will continue to appreciate at the same remarkable rate that it has during the past twenty years.

The P. & O. steamer *Brindisi* left Bombay for this port on the 26th ultimo.

All but 120 shares in the new Nagasaki Hotel Co. have been locally subscribed.

There were 2,647 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 214 were Europeans.

The steamer *Siuang*, from Calcutta and Singapore, left for this port on Saturday, the 27th ult., at 5 p.m.

The football match at Yokohama between a local team and one from Kobe resulted in a victory for Yokohama by four goals to nil.

"Les Cloches de Corseilles" will be repeated by the A.D.C. this evening and an additional and final performance is advertised for Saturday next.

The following telegram has been received from the Singapore Government:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagasaki declared to be infected smallpox. Quarantine at discretion of Health.

There was a heavy snowfall at Yokohama on the night of the 19th February and quite six inches were lying on the street on the morning of the 20th. There was also a severe earthquake which shook the same morning.

Yesterday morning H.M.S. *Spartan* left Hongkong for Peking. The vessel passed through the entrance to the anchorage and land chassis were raised by the sailors, and she went over to Kowloon Dock and made fast to the *Cedars* moor before leaving by the Lyman Padre.

The Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting had under consideration a letter from the Chinkiang Chamber of Commerce, asking if the Shanghai Chamber intended taking any action about the charges for postage made by the Chinese Postal Service. It was decided to reply that the Chamber saw no present reason to move in the matter.

The P. & O. steamer *Rosetta*, which started from Penang at 3.30 on the 18th instant, with the mail for the 18th, was in Calcutta harbour at 1.30 on Monday morning, the 5th, as reported by the public notice. The construction of the railway from Woosung to Shanghai had been placed in the hands of Mr. Hildebrand and his Excellency pointed out that he was not prejudiced in the selection of foreigners as Mr. Kinder was English, Messrs. Rich and Bush American, and Mr. Hildebrand German.

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The new company will only supply light private consumers.—N. C. Daily News.

Information has come from Nanking that the Viceroy has at last recognized the independence of the Beiyang, and is anxious to know if he can get back his steamer and what is to be the fate of the *Nippon*, which is still at Hongkong; he is accordingly distributing at Nanking the three officials who chartered the steamer to Bonnars & Co., and insists on their bringing the dispute to a speedy termination.—N. C. Daily News.

A Reuter's telegram of the 22nd February informed us that "The Powers have left the Camp at Canoe, owing to the arrival of the British force, which had been sent to Nanking to assist in getting back the steamer and what is to be the fate of the *Nippon*, which is still at Hongkong; he is accordingly distributing at Nanking the three officials who chartered the steamer to Bonnars & Co., and insists on their bringing the dispute to a speedy termination.—N. C. Daily News.

Dr. Ayres announced three troley cables at the Police Court yesterday for damaging his steamer. The doctor was riding eastward along Queen's Road on Saturday and he overtook a troley laden with boxes in charge of the defendants, who spread themselves across the road. An attempt was made to pass the troley and the cables were told to make room, but they carelessly pulled the wrong way, thus resulting in the troley being damaged and the defendant suffered damage to the extent of \$3. The defendants were fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

The *Nippon* Shipping Ltd. gives the following account of H.M.S. *Pearson's* last trip from Nagasaki to Chonjuo:—She left Nagasaki on the 1st February with fair weather, but when the Goto Light she fell in with a heavy wind and sea, which increased so much that by midnight the speed of the vessel had been reduced to half, and she was unable to proceed until next morning, when the weather cleared up a bit. On Wednesday night, however, the wind increased again, and Thursday night was even worse. The captain, on the 1st, when the vessel was still in the gale, had given orders to the crew to stand by the deck, the captain's cabin was entirely wrecked with a foot of water in it, and our correspondent puts it, "all the men with whiskers were trying to crowd round the galley fire to melt the ice out of them." Anyhow, they made their way to Chonjuo, all right, reaching there in a winding snowshoe after making a trip of 102 hours to cover a route that usually took in two days and a half.

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## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF GOA.  
Lisbon, 8th February.  
The Portuguese Government has appointed  
Captain Castello Governor of Goa.  
M.R. CHAMBERLAIN INDOPPOSED.  
London, 9th February.  
Mr. Chamberlain is confined to his bed with  
an attack of gout.  
LECTURE BY DR. Nansen; THE PRINCE  
OF WALES' MORTONAL MEDAL.  
London, 9th February.  
Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, gave  
a lecture at the Albert Hall last night to an  
audience of ten thousand people. The Prince  
of Wales presented the distinguished traveller  
with the special gold medal of the Royal  
Geographical Society.

ENGLAND'S FEARS IN REGARD TO THE  
PLAGUE.  
London, 10th February.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Lord George Hamilton said he was in  
communication with the Admiralty relative to the  
distinguished health of vessels, and he  
trusted nothing would be done in England to  
unnecessarily hamper the course of trade.  
A QUESTION ABOUT THE FAMINE.  
London, 10th February.

Replying to Mr. Blomfrugge, Lord George  
Hamilton said the Indian Government were  
sparing nothing to assist the famine stricken  
in India, but could not interfere to remedy the  
depreciation of hoarded silver.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Ching-yen, from Shanghai  
29th Feb., had fresh to moderate N.W.N.  
and N.E. winds with dull overcast weather and  
drizzling rain to Lunmook Islands; from there  
to port light E.N.E. wind and cloudy fine  
weather.

The British steamer Gathis, from Sydney  
6th Feb., Brisben 1st, Townsville 13th, Thurs-  
day 16th, and Port Darwin 19th, ex-  
panded from 16th, and along the Australian  
coast to Port Darwin under way to S.E. to  
S.E. winds, squalls with thick drizzling weather  
and heavy rains; thence to Cabora Island made-  
rate to fresh N.W. to N.E. winds with heavy  
rain squalls; thence to arrival moderate to fresh  
monsoons with moderate beam sea.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE  
FAR EAST.

Per Messengers Maritime steamer Salazie,  
from Marsilles Feb. 14.—To Yokohama: Mr.  
H. E. Price, Mr. Riedel, Mrs. and Miss Fagan,  
Miss Eliza, Mr. and Mrs. John Schaeffer,  
Mr. D. O. Fletcher, Miss Bates, Mr. P. W.  
Mansfield, Mr. Bonham, Mrs. Law, Mr. Tch.,  
Mr. and Mrs. Chubinski, Mr. Dunlop, Mr.  
Worx, Mr. David Gabay, Mr. H. P. Desplan.  
Per Messengers Maritime steamer Ville de  
la Côte d'Or, connecting with the steamer Salazie  
at Colombo. From Marsilles, Feb. 28.—To  
Yokohama: Mr. J. Lowry, Mr. Jules Colombe,  
Mr. Hartmann, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr,  
To Hongkong: Mr. Slade.

Per P. & O. steamer Persepolis, connecting  
with the steamer Genes at Colombo. From  
London, Jan. 28.—To Siam, China, and Japan:  
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**THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Steamship**  
"CANDIA"  
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods being landed at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where such consignment will be sorted out, mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:-

From Madras, ex s.s. *Cannons*.  
Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 a.m. on FRIDAY.

Goods not cleared by the 4th proximo, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company here, after which no claim will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

**THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND  
SINGAPORE.

**THE Company's Steamship**

"OOLONG".

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before noon on the 5th March, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5th March will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1897.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**CONSIGNEES** for the Company's Steamship

"GLAUCUS".

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 1st March.

Consignees will be advised on the 9th March, whether the vessel will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 4 p.m. on the 9th March.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE

Agents.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1897.

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND  
SINGAPORE.

**THE Steamship**

"CATHERINE APCAR".

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 2nd March will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees will be cargo from SINGAPORE and CALCUTTA, as required by IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside. Such cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO.**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

**STEAMSHIP "ERNEST SIMONS."**

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE.**

CARGOES of Cargo from London or "Tigris", Havre ex "Tigris", and Bremen ex "Frederic Morel", "President Leroy Lallier", and "Verteboekin" in connection with their Goods will be landed at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

**VESSELS ON THE BERTH.**

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND  
CALCUTTA.

**THE Company's Steamship**

"KUTTSANG".

Captain Goo, will be despatched as above to-day, the 2nd Inst., at 3 p.m.

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